

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
PROJECT FACT SHEET
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
September 2002
TAG REVIEW DATE: 3 MARCH 2003**

1. **SITE NAME:** Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4

SITE NUMBER: F10WA057900

LOCATION:

City:
County: Douglas
State: Washington

PROJECT NUMBER: F10WA057901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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DESCRIPTION:

a. Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4 is located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 24 North (T24N), Range 26 East (R26E), and Sections 5 and 6, T23N, R26 E. The bombing target is approximately 20 miles north of the town of Ephrata, Washington. The range is entirely within Douglas County. The INPR contains erroneous data as the site map and the description of the property is wrong. The INPR map shows the sites as in Sections 31 and 32, T23N, R26E, and in Sections 5 and 6, T22N, R26E, ½ in Douglas and ½ in Grant Counties, Washington. The actual bombing target is approximately six (6) miles north of these tracts.

b. Before use by the Army Air Force between 1943 and 1946 as a bombing target, the site was flat, open, treeless land used for crops and stock grazing.

c. The majority of the site remains in agricultural use primarily for the growing of crops. Some of the land is now being preserved as natural habitat.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. The Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4 was located approximately 15 miles northwest of Ephrata Army Air Base and consisted of 2,460.12 acres of land. Facilities constructed on this site included one 64 square foot portable radio shack, one 64 square foot portable motor generator shed, and several targets built by troops. It was used for high altitude bombing by heavy bombardment crews.

b. Between November 1943 and 1945, Ephrata Army Air Base experienced a series of deactivations and reactivations in status. In late September 1945 the base was reduced to a "temporarily" inactive status; and the Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4 was made available for deactivation as of 30 September 1945. On 6 October 1945, the Fourth Air Force recommended Ephrata Army Air Base and its gunnery ranges be moved to a surplus status and in late December the station was declared surplus to the needs of the War Department.

c. The research team found no certificates of clearance for the Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4.

JECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, acres: 2460.12
Former Use: Practice Bombing Target
Present Use: High Desert Land
Possible End Use: Same
OE Presence:
Confirmed: Yes
Type: M38A2 Sand filled bombs,
Miniature practice bombs,

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report for the Ephrata Pattern Bombing Range No. 4 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in September 2002.

7. STRATEGY:

RAC 4, EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and evaluated this ASR on 3 March 2003 and the consensus was RAC 4, EE/CA.

b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of CWM being stored or used at this FUDS.

c. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the area. An on-site inspection by the appropriate federal and state personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

d. The district Corp of Engineers should amend the INPR to reflect the location of the target as: Sections 31 and 32, T24N and R26E and Sections 5 and 6, Township 23N, and Range 26E entirely in Douglas County, Washington.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:

	Original	Scheduled	Actual	Original	Scheduled	Actual
Phase	Start	Start	Start	Complete	Complete	Complete
EE/CA						